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INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE PERSONNELS AND STAFF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to Tahelka exposure, a Court Martial inquiry was held to investigate the named Army Personnels and staff of Defence establishments;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry would recommend some actions and investigations against the civilians who figured in the Tahelka exposure document; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(c) As provided under military law a Court of Inquiry was held for recommending action against the named army personnels. Similarly, a One Man Fact Finding Inquiry was constituted for recommending action against the named civilian officials of the Ministry of Defence.

(c) Under the scheme of military law administrative/disciplinary action has been taken/initiated against the army personnel. Against the two retired army personnel where administrative/disciplinary action cannot be taken, instructions have been issued to file criminal cases appropriately in the court of competent jurisdiction. In respect of the three named civilian officials disciplinary proceedings for imposition of major penalty, have been instituted.

(c) & (d): Action against the named civilian officials of the Ministry of Defence for instituting disciplinary proceedings for imposition of major penalty has already been taken.